

BEST IN DEFENSE

OFFICE OF DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT

GRISSELL AIR RESERVE



Indiana
A State that Works



Grissom Air Reserve Base and Aeroplex is a joint-use base that includes the state's largest runway, on-site fixed-base operation, and a state-of-the-art paint facility. Aircraft operate without noise restrictions or encroachment issues. Grissom is perfectly located for easy access to the state's educational, manufacturing, cultural and political infrastructure with Indianapolis, South Bend, Fort Wayne and Lafayette within an 80-mile radius.

ECONOMY & WORKFORCE

Total Workforce: 207,110
(within a 40-minute commute)

Manufacturing workforce: 46,600

Median income in manufacturing: \$56,800

Regional High-Tech Manufacturers:

- Fiat-Chrysler Corporation
- General Motors
- Haynes International
- Caterpillar/Progress Rail
- Heraeus Electro-Nite



DEFENSE PRESENCE

Grissom Air Reserve Base is home to the 434TH Air Refueling Wing — the largest air refueling wing in the Air Force Reserve Command. Equipped with the KC-135R Stratotanker, the wing and its people travel the world in support of Air Force operations and contingencies.

The wing also plays an important part in the Indiana economy.

- Annual economic impact: over \$130 million
- Miami County's largest employer
(combined military-civilian workforce)
- 85% of wing personnel live in Indiana

Grissom's tenants include a detachment of the United States Marine Corps Reserve and an Army Reserve Center that includes psychological operations, infantry and quartermaster companies.



GRISSOM AEROPLEX

Base realignment created an exceptional opportunity for defense contractors. For aerospace contractors, Miami County offers a central location to build, assemble, paint, test, fly in restricted space, and deliver in the same location.

The Aeroplex's amenities include:

- 12,501 ft. x 200 ft. runway
Longest in Indiana
- Category 1 instrument approach (ILS)
- 24/7 fire/crash rescue
- No encroachment issues
- No noise restrictions

The following federal incentives are available:

- New Markets Tax Credit
- Federal Trade Zone
- Opportunity Zone
- HUB Zone

The state of Indiana and Miami County are dedicated to providing incentives to prospective employers.



EDUCATION

Ivy Tech's Integrated Technology Education Program (ITEP) is a career pathway program in industrial technology that expands opportunities for students at 14 regional high schools to gain industry skills and credentials.

Developed in partnership with regional high schools, career center and local industry leaders, the program allows 11th grade students to begin a path toward certification in manufacturing and production technology, as well as an associate degree in one of eight industrial technology/advanced manufacturing fields including:

- Industrial Automation Technology
- Industrial Electrical Technology
- Industrial Mechanical Technology
- Logistics and Supply Chain
- Machine Tool Technology
- Welding



A world-class engineering and sciences university.



Polytechnic Institute Kokomo

Offers several degree programs in engineering and manufacturing, including aeronautical technology.



Aside from the ITEP, Ivy Tech Kokomo has certificate and degree programs in numerous STEM fields including airframe maintenance, IT and cybersecurity.



A little more than an hour north, Notre Dame has a highly-rated aerospace engineering program and is home to the country's premier turbomachinery laboratory.



Located in Indianapolis, Vincennes' two-year degree program offers ground school and flight instruction for the FAA's Commercial Pilot flight test with instrument rating.



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
KOKOMO

Offers professional and management two- and four-year degrees.

INFRASTRUCTURE



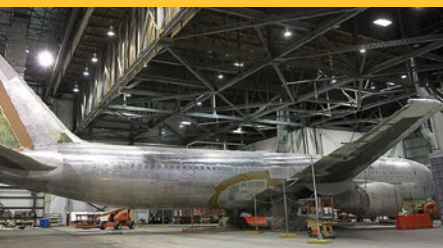
INTERSTATES & U.S. HIGHWAYS

Drivers can access six different interstate systems within a one-hour drive.

AIR

Fort Wayne International Airport (60 miles) and Indianapolis International Airport (75 miles) available for international/domestic passenger service.

Grissom Aeroplex runway (12,500 ft) for International/domestic air cargo or corporate use.



Dean Baldwin Aircraft Painting

- State-of-the-art 155,000-square-foot facility at Grissom Aeroplex (*Major tenant*)
- Can service large aircraft including 747-800 and 777 military, commercial and corporate aircraft contract
- \$165 million estimated annual economic impact

QUALITY OF PLACE



MISSISSINewa AND SALAMONIE LAKES

Nearly 30,000 acres of lake and land for recreation with campgrounds and cabins.



PERU AMATEUR CIRCUS

Every year in Peru, approximately 200 young people, ages 7 to 21, present 10 circus performances during an eight-day festival in mid-July.

HONEYWELL CENTER THEATER

Built in 1941 and on the National Register of Historic Places, the Wabash-based center includes a 1,500-seat theater, a restaurant and art gallery, as well as rooms for private parties for up to 1,500 people. Recent acts include comedian Craig Ferguson, Ann Wilson of Heart, the national touring company of Rent, and the world-famous English chamber orchestra Academy of St. Martin in the Fields.



DEFENSE INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE

**Grissom Regional
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Regional Planning Council**

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